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Dominican man with several identities is sentenced to two years in prison for identification fraud

A federal judge has sentenced **Claudio Emilio Diaz Guerrero**, a citizen of the Dominican Republic, to two years in federal prison for identification document fraud.

Woonsocket Police arrested Guerrero last June after he presented fraudulent identification.

Guerrero has a prior drug trafficking conviction and was denied entrance into the United States in 2001 after he presented a false identification to Immigration officials.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In December, Guerrero, 34, pleaded guilty to one count of identification document fraud. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter F. Neronha said that the government had proof that, on June 30, Guerrero presented to Woonsocket Police detectives a Massachusetts driver's license and a Social Security card identifying himself as Freddy Sotomayer. Woonsocket detectives recognized Guerrero as a man who had been previously arrested under the name, Carlos Colon.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents subsequently determined Guerrero's true identity and also determined that, on August 12, 2001, Immigration officials at JFK Airport, New York, denied Guerrero entry after he presented false documents identifying himself as Ramon Rodriguez. After confirming Guerrero's true identity, Immigration officials put him on a returning flight to the Dominican Republic that same day.

Following his release from prison, Guerrero will be subject to deportation proceedings.

Woonsocket Police and the **Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement** investigated the case. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth P. Madden represented the government at the sentencing.

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